

My name is Paul Scappaticci. I'm here to endorse Resolution H.J. 25 recognizing Blue Water Navy Veterans. I served in the Navy. I was stationed in the immediate coastal waters of Vietnam. During that time I was exposed to Agent Orange through the ship's water supply. I ingested the Agent Orange through the food and beverages and showering.

Over the past eleven years I have followed the process to get my VA benefits with no success. Because I have developed Type II diabetes, neuropathy in my upper and lower extremities, skin cancer, thyroid cancer, and an aggressive form of prostate cancer. Due to my exposure to Agent Orange. These are the same illnesses that my Brothers who had boots on the ground have.

I encourage you to support this Resolution, so that I will be able to get my benefits that I am entitled to having served in Vietnam.